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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON -- ARRANGEMENTS FOR JUNE 13 -- REPORT TO SC

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1. RELIABLE UN SOURCE HAS INFORMED US WALDHEIM CONSIDERS POSITIONS ENUNCIATED BY BOUTROS TO SIILASVUO JUNE 9 (REFTEL) GIVE UN WORKABLE BASIS FOR PRACTICAL STEPS TO TAKE OVER FROM IDF ON JUNE 13 AND TO OPERATE IN REMAINDER OF UNIFIL AREA OF OPERATIONS. WALDHEIM NOTES BOUTROS WAS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE GOL. SYG OBSERVES THAT POSITIONS TAKEN BOTH IN REGARD TO STATUS OF HADDAD AND THE "GOOD FENCE" ARE LIKELY TO BE CHALLENGED "IN SOME QUARTERS". THEREFORE, SYG BELIEVES IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO INFORM THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN WRITING (PROBABLY AFTER IDF WITHDRAWAL) ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. REPORT WOULD STATE GOL PENDING FULL REESTABLISHMENT OF ITS AUTHORITY, INCLUDING MILITARY FORCES IN UNIFIL'S AREA OF OPERATIONS HAS DECIDED:

"(A) THAT MAJOR HADDAD IS RECOGNIZED BY LEBANESE GOVERNMENT AS DE FACTO COMMANDER OF CHRISTINA ARMED UNITS FOR PURPOSE OF
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FACILITATING UNIFIL'S MISSION ;

(B) THAT ARMY COMMAND WILL ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO MAJOR HADDAD TO CO-ORDINATE UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT. TO THIS END, LEBANESE ARMY WILL APOINT TWO SENIOR OFFICERS FROM HADDAD'S UNITS TO LIAISE WITH UNIFIL HQ;

(C) THAT LEBANESE GOVERNMENT WILL SERIOUSLY STUDY AND CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF MOVING LEBANESE ARMY UNITS INTO SOUTH IN NEAR FUTURE; AND

(D) THAT LEBANESE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION AS REGARDS STATUS OF ADL, WHICH WILL BE SOUTHERN BORDER OF UNIFIL'S AAACOO, IS THAT UNIFIL SHOULD OPERATE ACCORDING TO STATUS QUO IN RELATION TO 'GOOD FENCE' PENDING APPROPRIATE DECISIONS BY LEBANESE GOVERNMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF LEBANESE ARMY IN THE AREA. IN THIS CONNECTION, UNFIL WILL INSURE THAT ADL IS NOT CROSSED BY UNAUTHORIZED ARMED ELEMENTS OR UTILIZED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES."

2. LEBANESE PERMREP HAS EMPHASZIED IMPORTANCE OF ABOVE REMAINING UNPUBLICIZED UNTIL ISSUANCE OF SYG'S REPORT TO SC.

3. COMMENT: I UNDERSTAND SYG'S DESIRE TO PUT ON RECORD UN PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOL'S WISHES. AT SAME TIME, THE MORE SPECIFIC HE IS ABOUT HADDAD AND THE "GOOD FENCE" THE MORE FURORE THERE IS APT TO BE. IT WOULD SEEM PREFERABLE JUST TO REPORT THAT WITHDRAWAL HAS TAKEN PLACE AND THAT US IS IN TOUCH WITH GOL CONCERNING THE MODALITIES OF REESTABLISHING ITS AUTHORITY IN THE RECENTLY EVACUATED ZONE. IN ANY EVENT, BELIEVE SYG SHOULD AVOID TERM "GOOD FENCE" WHICH IS ISRAELI CODE WORD FOR UNIMPEDED ACCESS TO CHRISTIANS AND VICE VERSA. IF ANYTHING IS SAID TO SYG ABOUT PLANNED REPORT, ESSENTIAL OUR SOURCE BE PROTECTED.

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